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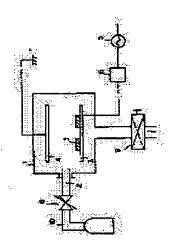
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## (54) DRY ETCHING METHOD OF ALXGA1-XN

## (57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To perform etching readily at a high speed without deteriorating the surface of a crystal, by introducing CF4 gas as a gas, and etching an AlxGa1-xN wafer mounted on one electrode with plasma that is generated by the application of high frequency power. CONSTITUTION: Two electrodes 3 and 4 which are arranged in a facing pattern are insulated from a vacuum container with an insulator such as Teflon. High frequency power is applied to the electrode 3 on which an AlxGa1-xN wafer is mounted from a high frequency power source 5 through a matching device 6. The other electrode 4 is grounded. After remaining gas is sufficiently exhausted with an exhausting means, CF4 gas is introduced. The pressure of etching gas is adjusted with a conductance valve 9. When the high frequency power is applied to the electrode 3, glow discharge is generated, and etching is started. Especially, when the electrode of a blue light emitting diode which is obtained by laminating AIN and GaN on sapphire is provided on the same side, i.e., the surface side, etching characterized by excellent



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